CONSULTATION

DROPOUT PREVENTION AND STUDENT RE-ENGAGEMENT

CDE COLORADO
Department of Education

The Office of Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement was created by state legislation to assist local education agencies in implementing coordinated efforts to reduce the dropout rate and increase the high school graduation and completion rates and the levels of student engagement and re-engagement.
Key activities and supports:

1. Assisting schools and districts in analyzing student data pertaining to dropout, graduation and completion rates, truancy, suspension and expulsion rates, school mobility, and safety and discipline incidence. *Consultations are available upon requests.*

2. Identifying and recommending best practices and effective strategies aligned with the state's Dropout Prevention Framework. *Available on the CDE website.*

3. Providing tools to self-assess policies and practices relevant to dropout prevention and high school completion. *Tools and facilitation are available upon request.*

4. Distributing and managing grant programs focused on dropout prevention and student re-engagement. Grants are competitive and based on the CDE request for proposal process.

5. Offering assistance and training to high schools, alternative education schools and those serving students that face unique challenges and barriers. *Available upon request and based on availability of resources.*

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IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES

Dates	Activities
November 2017	Runaway and Homeless Youth Month Activities
November 13-14, 2017	Colorado Student Engagement Institute – registration is open
December 2017	Release of Request for Proposals for Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant
January 2018	Release of Request for Proposals for 21st Community Learning Centers Grant
Winter-Spring 2018	Release of Dropout, Graduation and Completion Rates and Data Tools Webinar
Spring 2018	Multiple Pathways and Dropout Prevention Webinar Series to be launched
Spring - Summer 2018	Dropout Prevention and Re-engagement Policies and Practices Tool – Available Online

TOOLS AND CDE GUIDES

- Alternatives to Zero Tolerance: Best Practice Summary
- Attendance Fact Sheet and Resources
- Best Practice Guide on Dropout Prevention
- Data Analysis and Reports (Discipline, Truancy, Dropout and Student Engagement)
- District to District Transfer and Transition Policies
- Dropout Prevention Framework
- Graduation Guidelines
- Planning Tools for Schools and Districts (ICAP Implementation and School Closure Support)
- Policies and Practices Self-Assessment
- Student Engagement Resources (Service-learning and Arts in Education Guide)

PROGRAMS

- **21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) –** This federal grant program distributes funds to qualified applicants pursuant to Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The program provides opportunities for academic enrichment to help students in high-poverty areas and those who attend low-performing schools in meeting state performance standards in core academic subjects (reading, writing and mathematics).

- **Expelled and At Risk Student Services Grant Program (EARSS)** – This state grant program was established in 1997. It provides funds for educational and support services to expelled students, those at risk of eventual expulsion and truant students to prevent suspensions and expulsions.

- **Foster Care Education –** This state program was launched in 2012 and is dedicated to helping students in foster care excel academically, complete courses and advance to the next grade, and continue on a path to postsecondary success. The program provides technical assistance and training for Child Welfare Education Liaisons and county child welfare agencies.

- **McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program** – Originally authorized in 1987, this federal program was enacted to address the numerous barriers homeless children face in obtaining a free, appropriate public education. This program provides support in the implementation of the Act and includes grant funds to increase educational access, school stability and academic success for students experiencing homelessness in public school districts.

- **Student Re-engagement Grant Program** – The grant program assists local education agencies in providing educational services and supports to students to maintain student engagement and support student re-engagement at the secondary level. The next grant RFP will be released in winter 2018-19.